

Re: Urgent - Minister Alhabra call with MT Gov. Gianforte

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Apologies, I misunderstood the question. We have not undertaken outreach on the issue with ag contacts in DC. Ag groups are generally not in favour of vaccine mandates so ag companies may be better targets. For example, state Farm Bureaus are usually very influential on trade issues but i know the national group (American Farm Bureau Federal AFBF) has been silent to date on the border blockades and vaccine mandate (my contact at AFBF said he is receiving a lot of media enquiries on the issue but not answering them).

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On Feb 13, 2022, at 2:06 PM, Janes, Andy -DENVR -GR <Andy.Janes@international.gc.ca> wrote:

Picked the brain of one of my trade colleagues and have a few potential stakeholders that we could reach out to. We've got contacts at the Montana Oil and Gas Association, Town Pump, and I believe Nutrien, where we could put feelers out. Additionally the Washington Companies and ADF Group are two others to consider, although I don't believe we have had recent contacts with them. And the World Trade Center MT may have additional suggestions. But as I mentioned previously, support for any sort of mandate is very low right now in Montana. The only other left-field idea I had is that Coutts is fairly close to the Blackfeet Reservation. Unfortunately DENVR does not have any contacts there, but if someone in Ottawa or AB does, that could be an idea (considering the vaccine sharing that they led on).

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On Feb 13, 2022, at 11:49 AM, Eras, Gizem -WSHDC -TD <Gizem.Eras@international.gc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Frank.
Canadian Cattleman's association (CCA) has been having issues with live cattle shipments at Coutts border (from Canada to US) due to the protests and was requesting US vets be added to nearby Del Bonita crossing. CFIA made the request to USDA APHIS on Wed evening and looks like this will not be possible (likely because of limited number of US vets).

CFIA is now looking at whether it will be possible to move the cattle to the US from other crossings that do not have a vet and then have the trucks go to Coutts inspection center (in the US) to finalize the necessary inspections and other US import requirements. This is already being done for meat and the expectation is that it should work for live cattle as well. (As you can imagine there is an animal welfare angle to live cattle shipments.) Canadian and US CVOs are also talking about this issue and possible solutions. I understand from CCA that live cattle shipments take place Monday to Thursday...CCA and CFIA have a call tomorrow morning on this issue and I will join the call as well. Happy to update you all on whether a solution has been found and/or if alternative options are being considered.
Hope this is helpful.
Thanks
Gizem

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On Feb 13, 2022, at 1:23 PM, Janes, Andy -DENVR -GR
<Andy.Janes@international.gc.ca> wrote:

Hi Frank,
Are you looking for contacts with the equipment to actually move trucks and take down the blockades? I'll have to give it some thought. I will say that generally in Montana support for vaccine mandates of any kind, especially at the border, is very low so we might find that ever folks negatively affected by the protests might be hesitant to get involved. I'll try to come up with some ideas.
—Andy

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On Feb 13, 2022, at 10:56 AM, Stendardo, Frank -WSHDC -TD
<Frank.Stendardo@international.gc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Andy,

I know that Kirsten is checking with the Alberta office about the nature of AB's outreach to Montana thus far.

The Ambassador is also asking for any other ideas to help address the situation – e.g., maybe stakeholders affected by the blockades who can also use local contacts that have drivers and equipment?

Do you think this would be feasible? Other ideas?

Looping in the WSHDC Ag team as well, given the impact on the Ag sector and the outreach they've undertaken with those companies/associations.

Thank you
Frank

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Good morning all,

I can reach out to the Governor's team now to start that request. Frank, any info you can provide about desired timing/schedule would be helpful.

Thanks,
--Andy

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Importance: High

Good morning,

TC Minister Alghabra is seeking help – on an urgent basis – **to arrange a call with Montana Governor Gianforte** to discuss the border situation at Coutts, AB and to seek assistance.

Note that I have also reached out to CG Delouya in Minneapolis regarding a parallel request for ND Gov. Burgum.

I have looped in Frank Stendardo, WSHDC's transport counsellor, who is the primary point of contact for the request and is currently liaising with TC for available scheduling windows and other details. Grateful for your immediate assistance in helping Frank set up this call for the minister. If I can provide additional support, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 202-391-2450.

Best,
Kirsten

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